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SUBJECT: DRAMATIC INCREASES IN CONSULAR STATISTICS

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1. YEAREND STATISTICS SHOW DRAMATIC INCREASES IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT PHASES OF MOSCOW CONSULAR OPERATIONS OVER PAST YEAR. INCREASES, CITED BELOW, NOT ONLY SUPPORT ALREADY PLANNED ADDITION OF FOURTH CONSULAR OFFICER IN EARLY 1974 BUT TESTIFY TO PROLIFERATION OF U.S.-SOVIET CONTACTS ON MANY LEVELS DURING 1973.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, TOTAL NUMBER OF NONIMMIGRANT VISAS ISSUED IN 1973 SHOWS INCREASE OVER 1972 OF ABOUT 55 PERCENT, FROM 5124 TO 7921. NUMBER OF CREW LIST VISAS PROCESSED LEAPED FROM 27 IN 1972 TO 264 IN 1973 (I.E., ESTIMATING 50 NAMES PER CREW LIST, THE SECTION PROCESSED NAMES OF SOME 13,000 SOVIET SEAMEN IN 1973 AS CONTRASTED WITH SOME 1300 IN 1972).

3. AS REPORTED (MOSCOW 262), OVERALL NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS PROCESSED BY THIS EMBASSY INCREASED ABOUT 52 PERCENT, FROM 500 IN UNCLASSIFIED

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1972 TO 758 IN 1973.

4. INTOURIST CONTINUES TO ESTIMATE U.S. TOURISM TO USSR INCREASED  
BY ABOUT 15 PERCENT IN 1973 OVER 1972, ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL  
FIGURES WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL OR MAY 1974. DUBS

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